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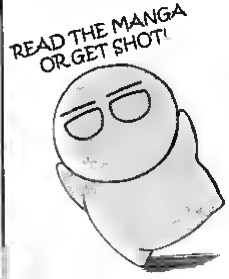

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LILU!!
THIS...
THIS DOESN'T LOOK GOOD!!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

Chapter 1:11
Fate

WHAT'S WRONG?
IT'S NOTHING TO GET SO MAD ABOUT, RIGHT?
IT'S JUST A PIECE OF JUNK!
DON'T CALL IT JUNK!!
I'LL BURN YOU TO A CRISP!!
I'M GOING ...
TO KILL YOU...

YOU WERE SAYING?
.....
I CAN'T... FEEL ANY MAGIC...
.....
NO WAY... I CAN'T...
USE MY MAGIC HERE?!
HUH? MAGIC?
SUCH A LOVELY FACE.. ARE YOU UPSET?
.....
OH---- YOU THINK SO...?

AND WHY DO YOU THINK I'M UPSET?
IT'S BECAUSE THIS "JUNK" IS PRECIOUS TO ME!
SFX *SMACK*
IT ISN'T JUNK!!

GLINT
HEY, BACK OFF, KAZUOMI!
SHUT UP!
SHE... SHE HIT ME!
.....!
THAT'S WHAT YOU...
swing

AGH!
SFX: *CRASH*
SFX: *TRIP*
!
I'LL TAKE THIS PIECE OF JUNK...
AND TEAR IT IN TWO!!

OOO...
WHAT... ARE YOU GOING TO DO... TO HIM?
HA! WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?!
I'M PISSED OFF! IF YOU TREASURE THIS PIECE OF TRASH...
THEN I...
!
STOP!!

...DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT!
SFX: *SLICE*
PEOPLE WISH FOR A SAVIOR TO COME...
ANYTHING TO DO... WITH WHAT?

A WORLD WAITING FOR ITS SAVIOR,
WANTS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU...
JUST...
STOP IT...
SFX: SLICE/POKE
HAHAHA HAHAHA HAHHAHA HAHAHA!!
IT'S JUNK!
IT'S JUNK!
IT'S JUNK!

SFX: *SLICING/POKING*
HAHA HAHA HAHA
HAHA HAHA
STOP IT...
STOP IT...
HAHA HAHA HAHA HAHA HAHA HAHA
HAHA HAHA HAHA HAHA
JUST STOP IT ALREADY!!

AH...
OO...
UH...
SOB
AHAHA HAHA!! SHE'S CRYIN--
SHUT UP.

JUST...
SHUT UP!!

RYOUHEI WENT HOME AHEAD OF US, FOR THE TIME BEING...
BUT... WHAT HAPPENED TO SHINYA?
DO YOU THINK THE PRINCESS OF RUIN COULD HAVE TAKEN HIM?!
IF SHE DID, THEN SHINYA COULD BE--
IT CERTAINLY ISN'T A GOOD SIGN.
BUT... WHAT COULD IT MEAN?
NOTHING'S HAPPENED.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO DO.
THE GUIDE TO SALVATION TOLD US TO COME TO THIS WORLD TO EARN THE POWER OF ONE OF THE THIRTEEN KNIGHTS. BUT IT'S BEEN FAR TOO PEACEFUL HERE.
It's okay. It's okay

The Guide to Salvation
THIS TIME, THE PRINCESS OF RUIN HAS COME, TOO.
IS THIS BOOK REALLY TRYING TO HELP US SAVE CELESTIA?
AT THE VERY LEAST...
WE HAVE TO BELIEVE IN THE BOOK.

IT'S THE ONLY THING...
THAT WILL TELL US HOW TO SAVE CELESTIA.
SFX: *WHAM*
.....
WHAT...
WHAT'S WITH YOUR EYES?!

YOU'RE A WORTHLESS PIECE OF TRASH,
YUMIKI!!
I'VE... SEEN HELL.
MANY PEOPLE PLEADED WITH ME TO SAVE THEM,
BUT I COULDN'T DO A THING.
I COULDN'T EVEN SAVE...
SOMEONE I REALLY CARED ABOUT.

BUT, YOU KNOW...
SO IF I'M WORTH-LESS...
NOT EVEN YOU COULD HAVE DONE ANYTHING.
THAT MEANS YOU ARE TOO!
BUT...
YOU BASTARD!!

EVEN I HAVE THE POWER TO STOP YOU.
LOOK

SMACK
WHY... YOU...
THIS IS YUMIKI...
IT'S JUST YUMIKI!!

SFX: "CRUSH"
splatter
SHINYA!
I'M GOING TO KILL YOU!!!

THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO DIE...
IS YOU, GIONJI.
SFX "BAM"

HOW DARE YOU...
DO THIS TO SHINYA...
KAZU OH!
GWAAAH.. GAAAH..
SAKAKI-YAMA!!
How dare you...
...do this to Shinya!!

SFX: *BAM*
NO WAY... I WEIGH ALMOST 100KG!!
GWAAH!!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE SAKAKIYAMA!!
YOU'RE NOT THROUGH YET, ARE YOU?
STAND UP, SUDOU.
IS HE A MONSTER?!

HUFF
HUFF
DON'T EVEN... MOVE A MUSCLE!!
Y... YOU'RE GOING TOO FAR, KAZUOMI!
SHUT UP!!
ARG
ANYONE WHO MAKES A FOOL OF ME IS GOING TO PAY!!
YUMIKI... AND YOU TOO!!
EVERYONE EVERYONE EVERYONE EVERYONE EVERYONE EVERYONE EVERYONE EVERYONE EVERYONE
THAT'S RIGHT! EVERYONE WILL PAY!!

WILL YOU JUST... SHUT UP!!
WON'T YOU JUST...
SHUT UP?

GAH!
SFX: *ZAP*
.....?
WHAT THE...?
BZZZT
BZZZT
WH..
BZZZT
BZZZT
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
STEP

JIN!!
HEHEH. SO YOU'RE HERE TOO,
KAZU -OMI.
!
YOU JUST MADE A COMPLETE ASS OF YOURSELF.

LET'S GO.
JIN
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SETTLE THINGS WITH SAKAKI-YAMA?
THAT WOULD BE TOO MUCH TROUBLE RIGHT NOW...
NOT GOOD... JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO...

I FELT SOMETHING...
FROM YUMIKI...
HUH?
SO I'LL LEAVE HIM WITH YOU A WHILE.
I'M GOING TO CALL A CAR,
HE'S...
UNCON-SCIOUS...

...
WHAT'S
WITH
HIM?...
I KNEW HE
WAS A
WEAKLING...
BUT...
POKE
POKE

THIS IS THE SECOND TIME...
HE'S COME TO SAVE THIS LITTLE GUY...
SHINYA ...
ぎゅ..
COULD HE BE THE ONE I WAS DESTINED TO MEET?
The Guide to Domination

WHAT IF INSTEAD OF THIS GUY... IT WAS ME...
COULD SHINYA... HAVE COME...
TO SAVE ME...?
to Domination

SFX: *BZZZZZZZZZT*
WHAT?
IT WAS REPELLED?!

SFX: "GLOW"
The Guide to Salvation
NO WAY...

NO WAY...!!
AH...
WHY DOES FATE ALWAYS BRING SUCH PAIN TO THOSE IT ENTWINES?
HOW SAD...

WELL...

SHALL WE BEGIN...
TO MAKE OUR MOVE?

It's a rock.
It's a baked potato!
CLICK
OH!
BACK THEN...
I'M SURE I...
.....

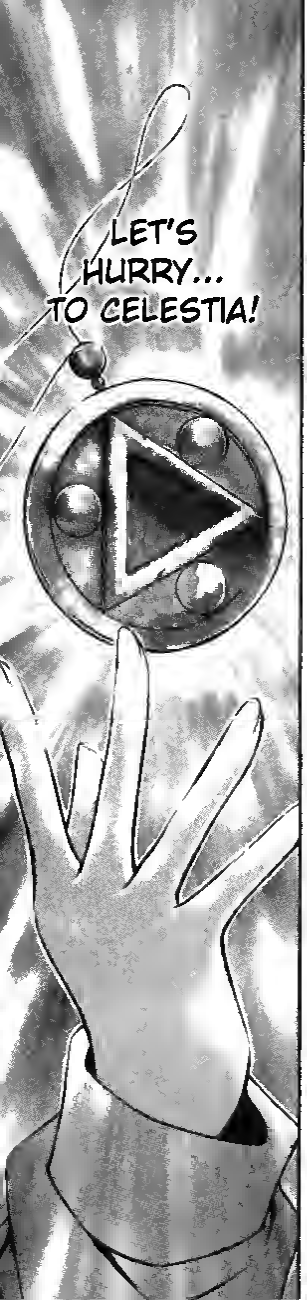
THANK GOODNESS. YOU LOST CONSCIOUS-NESS JUST WHEN YOU GOT HOME.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED ...
BUT... PLEASE DON'T DO ANYTHING DANGER-OUS, OKAY?
SORRY.
THAT'S RIGHT!
IT'S NOT REALLY ENOUGH TO APOLOGIZE FOR MAKING YOU WORRY, BUT...
HERE!

.....
FOR ME?
YEAH.
DO YOU LIKE IT?
.....
IT'S CUTE!
tap tap

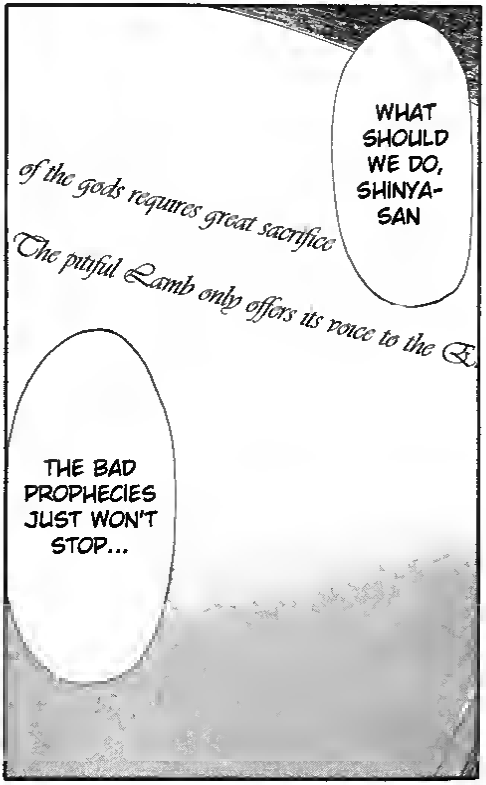
I WAS WAITING ALL THIS TIME FOR YOU, TOO!
WHAT ABOUT ME?
HEY, WHAT ABOUT ME?
TEP STEP STEP
STEP
STEP ST
WHAT ABOUT ME?
SFX: *LOOM*
HEY! HEY!
GAH!

Here, drink this.
Sizzle
I'm quite disappointed in you!
BUT IT WAS HER FAULT FROM THE START.
WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT US!
IT'S ONLY HARU-CHAN
HUH?
glow
Oooh.
A token of apology. Isn't that sweet of you.

The composition of the gods requires great sacrifice
The pitiful Lamb only offers its voice to the Empire
O Lord, listen to
and call out with
the voice of grief
THIS IS...
LILU...?
jump
THE EMPIRE... DOES THIS MEAN THEY'RE GOING TO MAKE THEIR MOVE SOON...?!


LET'S HURRY... TO CELESTIA!

SHAKE
HARUNA?


WHAT SHOULD WE DO, SHINYA-SAN
of the gods requires great sacrifice
The pitiful Lamb only offers its voice to the E
THE BAD PROPHECIES JUST WON'T STOP...

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The Threadweaver
(First Half)

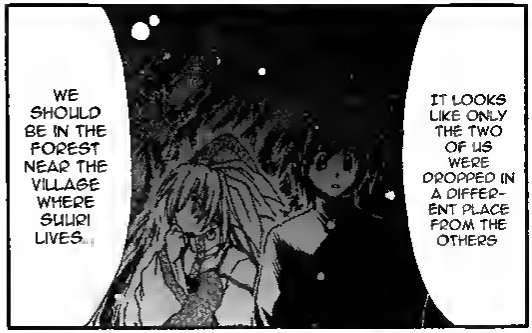
KWOOOOM
OUCH...
HUH?
WHUMP
EEEK!
AAAAH!
HECK, JUST WHERE... ARE WE?!
WHERE IS EVERYONE?

.....

WHY DON'T WE WAIT HERE AND HEAD TO THE VILLAGE IN THE MORNING?
IT'S ALL RIGHT. THE GATE SHOULD HAVE DROPPED EVERYONE ELSE CLOSE TO THE VILLAGE

rushle
IT'S AS IF...
SOMEONE CALLED US HERE...

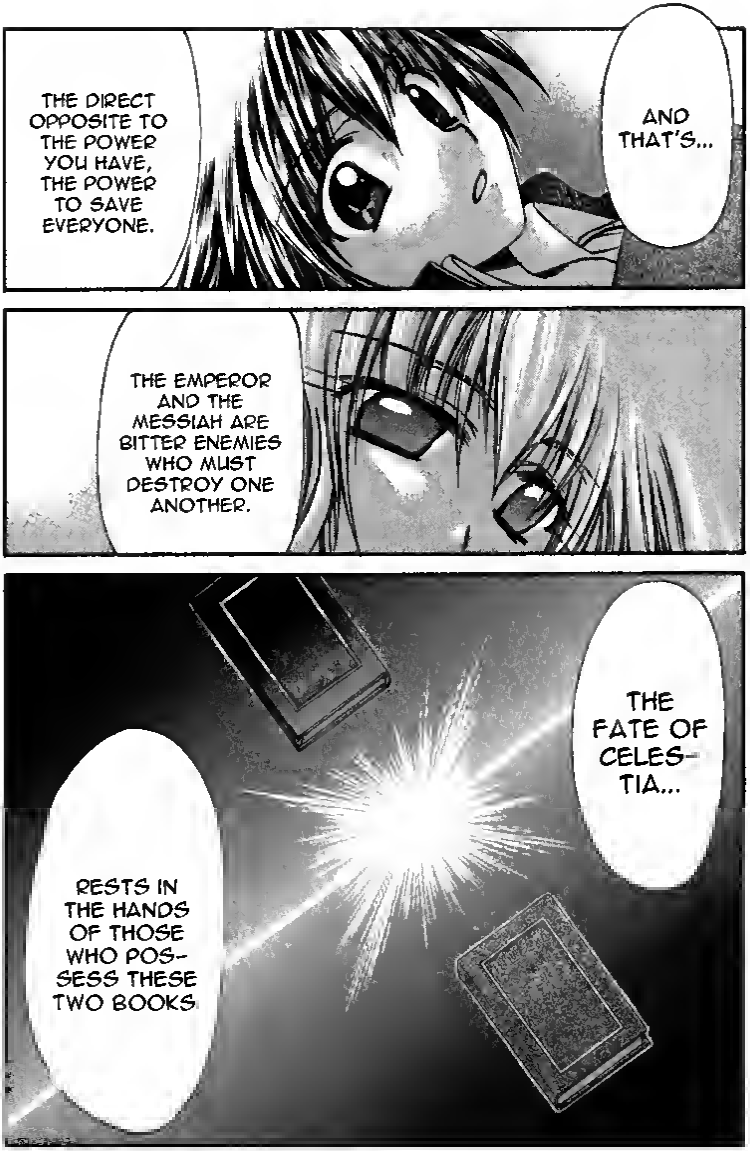
THIS IS STRANGE.
NOTHING LIKE THIS HAS EVER HAPPENED BEFORE.


WE SHOULD BE IN THE FOREST NEAR THE VILLAGE WHERE SUURI LIVES...
IT LOOKS LIKE ONLY THE TWO OF US WERE DROPPED IN A DIFFERENT PLACE FROM THE OTHERS

BUT...

GOOD IDEA...
CLOSE BRIGHT CRYSTAL
HEY, HARUNA...
it's voice to the Empire requires great
WHAT IS THIS "EMPIRE" ANYWAY?
HIME SPOKE OF "THEM" EARLIER, BUT...

SHINYA-SAN...
THERE IS ANOTHER BOOK IN CELESTIA THAT PAIRS WITH THE GUIDE TO SALVATION
A BOOK THAT REVEALS THE WAY TO BECOME RULER OF CELESTIA
THE GUIDE TO DOMINATION.
THE ONE WHO IS CHOSEN BY THAT BOOK...
HE IS...
THE EMPEROR HAS THE POWER TO CONTROL THE FATE OF EVERYTHING IN THIS WORLD
IF THAT POWER WERE TO AWAKEN WITHIN HIM, THE EMPEROR COULD CERTAINLY STOP THE WARRING AND BRING PEACE, BUT PEOPLE WOULD LOSE THEIR FREEDOM.
THE EMPEROR...
YES.


AND THAT'S...
THE DIRECT OPPOSITE TO THE POWER YOU HAVE, THE POWER TO SAVE EVERYONE.
THE EMPEROR AND THE MESSIAH ARE BITTER ENEMIES WHO MUST DESTROY ONE ANOTHER.
THE FATE OF CELES-TIA...
RESTS IN THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO POS-SESS THESE TWO BOOKS

SHINYA-SAN, THE BOOK MENTIONED THAT YOU WOULD OBTAIN THE LIGHTNING LORD ISHTELTE'S POWER
DID YOU MANAGE TO GET IT?
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT,
.....
UH...
WELL...
O Lord, Returneth to the world from whence thou came
With thy gentle justice, the lightning lord Ishtelte shall grant you power
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS..
I'LL BE HERE TO PROTECT YOU.
IT'S ALL RIGHT...

I WON'T LET ANYONE...
EVEN... SCRATCH...
THIS TIME...
swish
zzz
.....
WHO WANTS TO DO THE PROTECTING
I'M THE ONE...

BUT...
EVER SINCE THEN...
I'VE BEEN...
AFRAID---
OF MYSELF.

WHERE AM I?

I have chosen...
the Messiah...
FWOOOOOS...
STOP!
OOOSH
STRIKE

SFX: BLINK
WHAT..
WAS THAT?
.....

HARUNA?

with you again today.

When I wake up in the morning,
I offer a prayer of gratitude

because I am able to live

Whenever I smell the fragrant flowers,
I offer a prayer of gratitude,
because I am being wrapped in the same wind
as you are wrapped in today.

makes me want to wish...
just a little...
But a single starless night
that I might meet you tomorrow.
thump
thump
thump
thump
That I might meet you tomorrow.
thump
thump
snap

Oh!
It's Shinya-oniichan!
Yaaaay!
Suuri?
RUNNING
SFX RUNNING
GASP

SHINYA
...SAN?

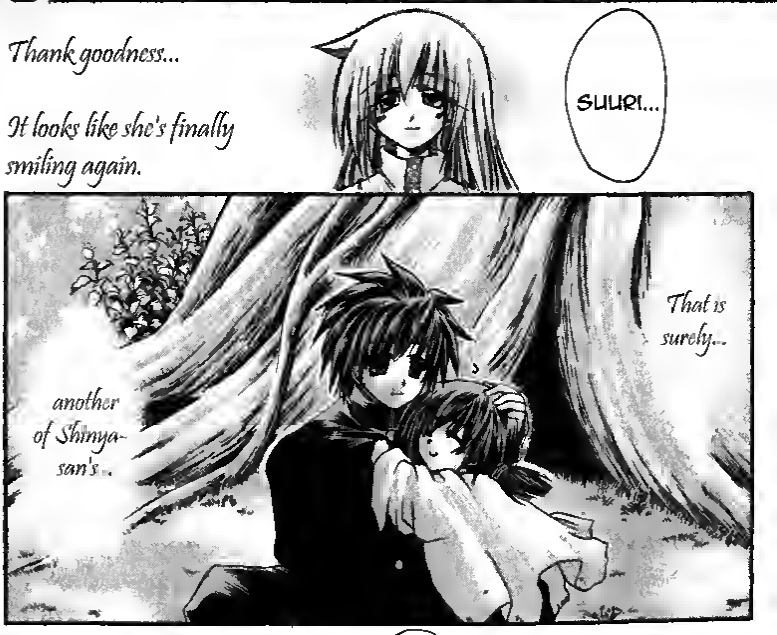
smile
I came to pick some things this morning

What a surprise!
And when I did, I found Shinya-onnichan and Haruna-oneesan!
IT'S OKAY
SORRY
WHAT'S THIS? BOTH OF YOUR FACES ARE REALLY RED!
Oh! I know! You two are lovers, right?!
NO-NO-NO-NO-NO
YOU'RE NOT?
...NO...
IN THAT CASE,

GLOMP
I'll be Shinya-oniichan's lover! ♥
HUH?
You know, Shinya-oniichan's really cool isn't he?
SUURI, I DIDN'T DO...
Because he killed that Evil Katia!
SUURI?
Even though he looked like he was in so much pain, he fought for everyone!
SUURI ...
He had cuts and scratches all over him and he still fought for us!

Thank goodness...

It looks like she's finally smiling again.



It's hard to believe that a worthless guy like him beat an Evil Katla.
WHO'S THERE?!
rustle
heh heh heh heh heh... The Messiah... and Shield...
I wondered if they would really be in a remote place like this...
I see... so they were right after all.

UNOOON
LOOK OUT!!
SHOW YOUR-SELF!!
DAMN YOU!!
BACHING

WHA...
BANG
IT'S NO USE.
THAT BARRIER CANNOT BE BROKEN.
YOU COULD SAY THAT...
NOT EVEN THE MESSIAH COULD BREAK IT.

Allow me to introduce myself.
I am a servant to Sariel, the Angel of Death.
My name is Genya, the Threadweaver.

JUST WATCH QUIETLY FROM THAT BARRIER, MESSIAH.
THE PERSON I HAVE BUSINESS WITH...
IS NOT YOU.
bang
IT CAN'T BE...
STOP IT!!
HEH
NOW... ENJOY ...

THE SLAUGHTER SHOW
SFX: *LUNGE*
OF YOUR PRECIOUS SHIELD!!
HARUNA!!

I call upon the 4 Lords of Light!
Blow!
SFX: BOOM
I SEE. YOU HAVE QUITE A KNACK FOR PRIESTLY MAGIC.
OH... MY PUPPET ARMY CAN'T GET CLOSE TO YOU.
bam
Bam
bam
bam
bam
Baaaah
wave
BUT...
jump
JUST LIKE THE PRINCESS OF RUIN SAID.

HHHHHHHH!
SFX: *BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM*
IT SEEMS THAT...
YOU CAN'T
bang
UH...
UH...
bang
bang

KEEP IT UP FOR TOO LONG, CAN YOU?
HARUNA!
bang
bang
bang
DON'T GET SO EXCITED. I WON'T KILL HER TOO QUICKLY.
LITTLE BY LITTLE...
I'VE BEEN WAITING TO SEE THAT PRETTY FACE OF YOURS
YOU'RE NOT WORTHY OF IT, ARE YOU?

shake
shake
shake
YOU... YOU LET HARUNA-NEECHAN GO...
LET HER GO!
WHAT A CUTE LITTLE GIRL.
I LIKE KIDS.
sob
HEH
Alright
STOP!
OH..

S... SOON... SHINYA-ONIICHAN...
SHINYA-ONIICHAN WILL BEAT YOU UP!
LOOK
HEH
SOON YOU'LL FEEL AS IF YOU'RE LIVING
A DREAM THAT WILL NEVER COME TRUE.
tug
THAT'S WHY... THIS...
shake
IS ALL... YOUR FAULT!!
AH...

bang
bang

SFX: Slice

JUMP
SUURI!!
flutter
S...
KWWO
OOOO
OOOO
AH...
OH..
WHY...

flicker flicker flicker
WHY WON'T... THE WOUND CLOSE?!
WHY?!
SHINYA, WHAT SHOULD I DO?
It will grow smaller, and smaller, then disappear.
This tiny, tiny flame is the life of one who was cut with that cursed blade.
fwoosh
WHAT SHOULD I DO?!

IT WON'T HEAL!
THE WOUND ...
WON'T HEAL!!
IT WON'T HEAL!!
Look... it's fading away...
fading away...

OH...
IT'S GONE...
touch

heh heh heh
POOR THING.
heh heh heh
HER BELOVED HARUNA-NEECHAN
COULDN'T DO A THING TO SAVE HER.
heh heh heh heh
...!

KACHING
WHAT?
.....
.....
THE WIND IS...

WHAT?
CRYING...
ACHING
JUST WHEN
SHE WAS FINALLY STARTING TO SMILE AGAIN...

FINALLY STARTED TO OPEN HER HEART TO OTHERS AGAIN.
JUST WHEN SHE...
HOW...
HOW DARE YOU...

HOW
DARE
YOU!!!

SFX: *CRASH*

WHOOOSH
WHA...?
GIVE HER BACK.
GIVE HER BACK!!

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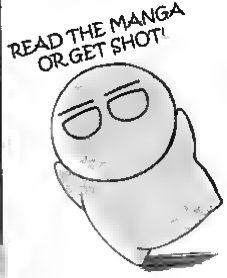
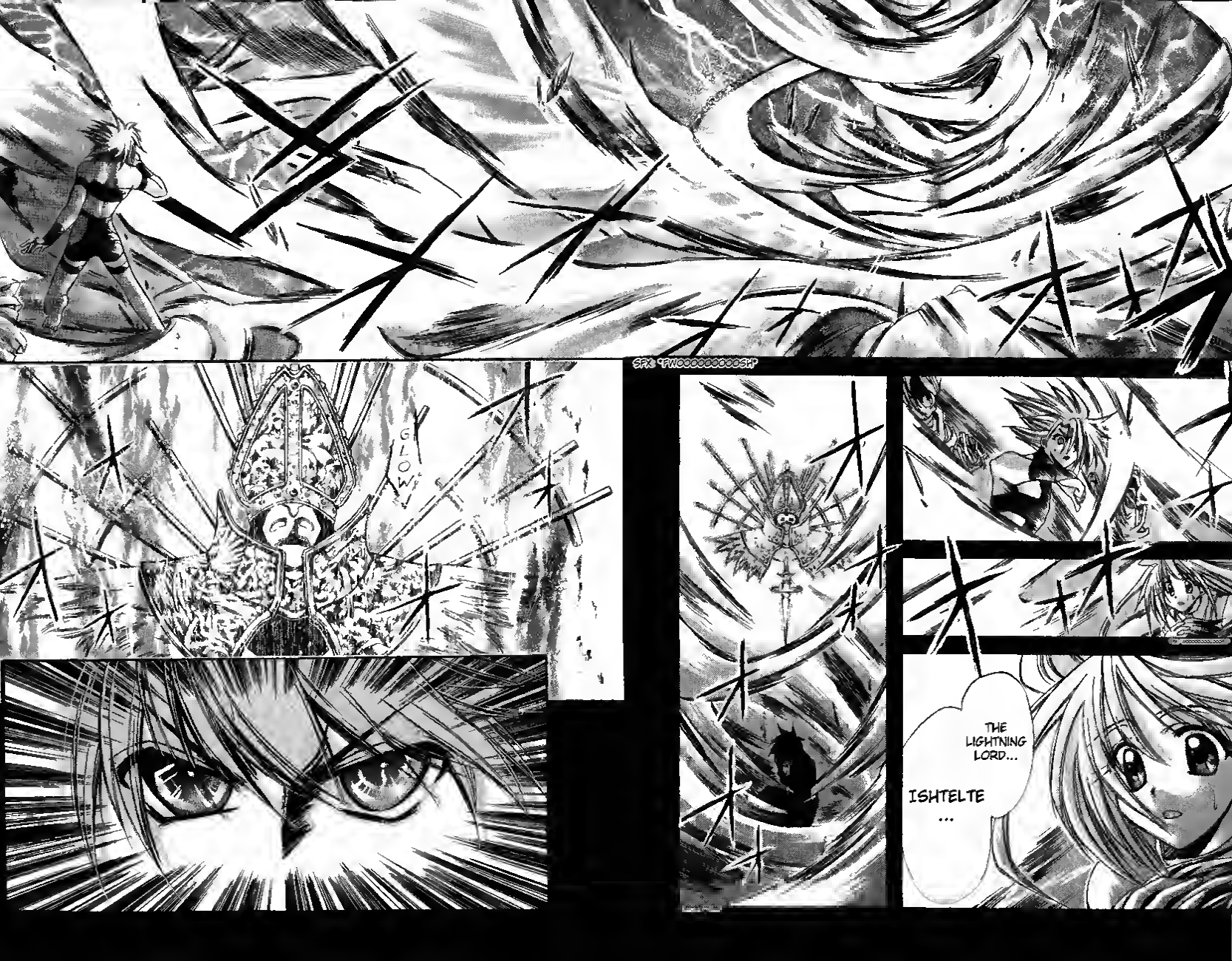


WHAT... IS THAT?
SFX: "FWOOOOOOOSH"
HIME-CHAN!
LOOK!
MUI! TARUTARU!
... GOD ...
IT'S THE WRATH OF

Chapter 13
The Threadweaver
(Last Half)


SFX: "FWOOOOOOOOSH"
GLOW
THE LIGHTNING LORD...
ISHTELTE
...

SFX: *ZAP*
GENY AAAA AAAA AAA!!

...
...
...
MY...
GAH
MY PUPPET ARMY...
SFX "SIZZLE"
GLOW
SFX "BZZZT"
MY POOR ...
My poor marion -ettes!!
step

SFX: WOOOOOSH
SHINYA-SAN--?
.....
ARE JUST RAGS NOW!!
.....
Step
step
step
step
SFX: ... SWEAT

!
A SUMMON-ING CIRCLE?!
HEH HEH HEH ...
HEH HEH HEH ...
SFX: "VROOOM"
THE LIGHTNING LORD, ISHTELTE'S POWER, EH?
DO YOU KNOW HOW HE DIED?

HE WAS EATEN, YOU SEE.
BY A SINGLE MAGIC BEAST.
IT CAN'T BE...
HAAA

LIGHTNING
EATER
RU
O
KAPOKU

DON'T DO IT, SHINYA -SAN!
SPK...
SPK...
SPK...
SPK...
SPK. •SPAN
SPK.KKKKKKKKK
SPK.
SPK.
IT'S NO USE.
Heh heh heh heh
SPK. EE EE EE EE

LIGHTNING IS FOOD TO RU KAPORI
HE'LL EAT AS MUCH AS YOU PUT OUT.
SFX: *CRACKLE*
SFX: OOOOOOO
SHIVER
ZZZT
RU KAPORI WILL JUST GET STRONGER.
SFX: STEP STEP
Girl!!!!!!

OUT OF MY WAY.
SFX. "TOP"

.....
IMPOSSIBLE
SFX. *SHAKE*
SARIEL-SAMA, THIS GUY...
WOO OOO OSH!
SFX. *BOOOOOM*
YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THAT
ALTHOUGH ISHTELTE HAS LENT THIS GUY POWER, THIS GUY HAS SURPASSED HIM?!
SFX. *SHAKE SHAKE*

SFX: JOKE
THIS GUY IS...
SFX: CRASH
Rumble
SHINYA ...

SFX: "CRACKLE"

SFX: "RUMBLE"
ゴロゴロゴロ..
Gishaaaa
SFX: "WOOOSH"
SFX: "DWOOSH"
SFX: "WOOOOOSH"
.....
UNBELI-
EVABLE...

SFX "STEP"
THIS...
CAN'T BE HAPPENING!!
COULD POSSIBLY LOSE...
THERE'S NO WAY THAT I, THE SECOND MOST BEAUTIFUL MAN IN THE WORLD NEXT TO SARIEL-SAMA,
THAT'S RIGHT...

A Zoa-
Evil Katla?!
TO
SOMEONE
LIKE HIM!!

AAAAA!!
SFX: CRASH

SFX "SHUDDER"
SFX "SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE"
WH...
SFX "WOOSH"
WHAT ON EARTH.
ARE YOU?!
HARUNA

I'M SORRY.. I REALLY..
KNEW THAT I HAD THIS POWER ALL THIS TIME...
.....
HUH?
I EVEN DECIEVED YOU WHEN YOU ASKED ABOUT ISHTELTE EARLIER.
I COULD HAVE USED IT WHENEVER I WANTED TO.
IT'S..
MY FAULT AGAIN...
SFX "GLOW"

...I COULD HAVE...
SAVED SUURI...
drip
SFX "BURST"
I COULD HAVE SAVED HER!!
GLOW
WHAT?
I WAS SCARED!!
A WARM LIGHT...
IS COMING FROM SHINYA-SAN...
SCARED OF SOMETHING I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT DEEP INSIDE ME...
THAT SLOWLY STARTED GROWING BIGGER AND BIGGER.

I was scared !!
...SHINYA -SAN...

I WAS REALLY SCARED...

AAAAH!!!
SFX: *KABOOM*

I'LL...
FINISH YOU
OFF!!

I CAN'T FORGIVE MYSELF ANY MORE!!
SFX "STEP"
S...
STAY AWAY!!
SFX "STEP STEP"
IF YOU HADN'T COME HERE...
SHINYA -SAN!
SFX "STEP"
I....

S...
STOP!
SHINYA -SAN!!
bzzt
I...!!

SFX: "GLOW"

IIIIIIIIII-

IIIIIII!!!

SHINYA-
SAAAAA-
AAAAA-
AAAN!!

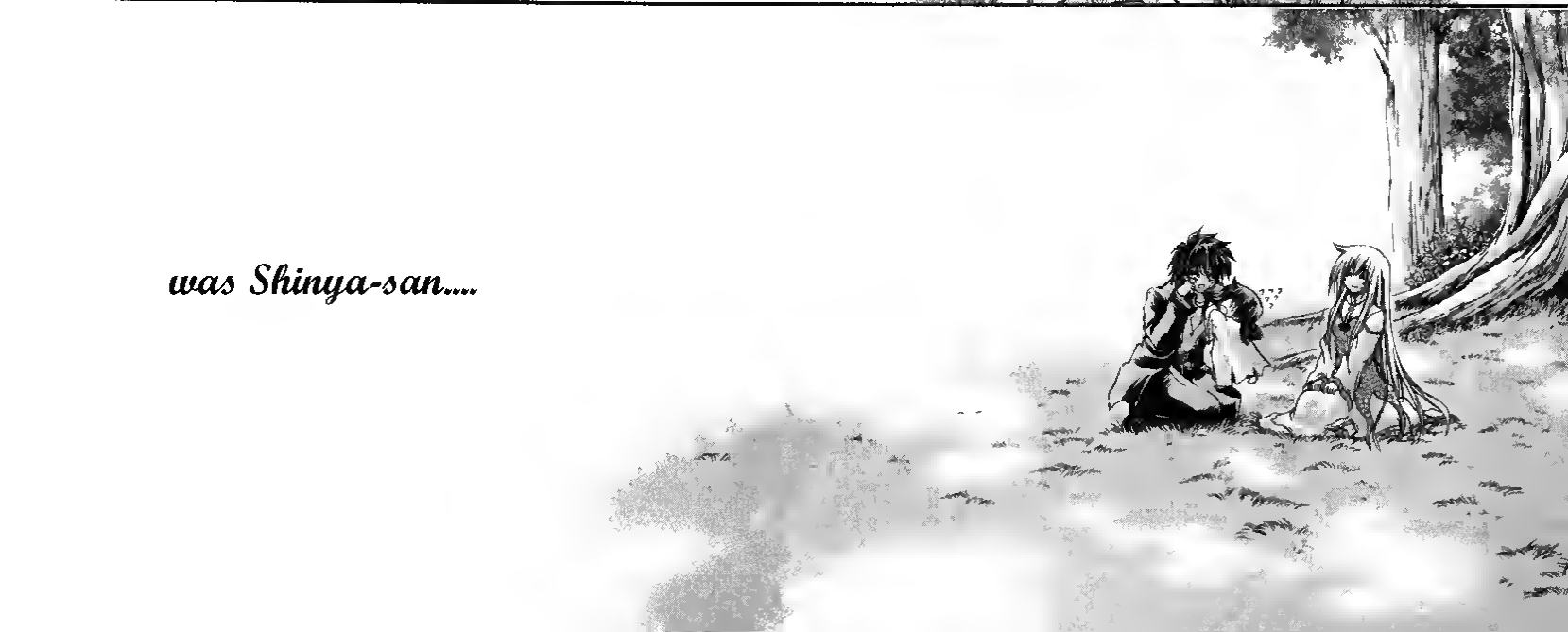
SHINYA-
ONIICHAN?

WOW! GLOWING WINGS!
PRETTY...
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
touch
SHINYA-ONIICHAN?
.....
I....

I...
I...
ぼろ
ぼろ
ぼろ
.....
SOB
SFX: DRIP DRIP DRIP

WAAAA-
AAAH!!

that the person chosen as our Messiah...

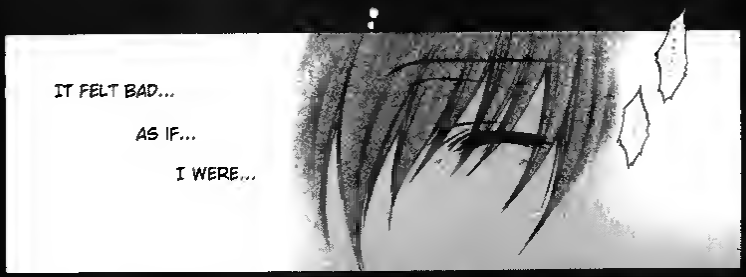


was Shinya-san....

gloooow
I HAVE CHOSEN THE MESSIAH...
FOR HE HAS SHOWN HIS .
KIND-NESS...
gasp
gasp
.....
I'LL REMEMBER THIS—
I'LL REMEMBER THIS, MESSIAH!
I'LL REMEMBER...
huff
huff

I USED ISHTELTE'S POWER...

I KNEW [redacted] HOW TO USE THEM...



BEING MANIPULATED... BY SOMEONE...

SFX: "GLOW"
パアアア...
The Messiah hath broken the seal of the Lightning Lord, Ishtelte; one of the 13 Knights.
HEHEH .....
HAHA-HAHA....
I SHALL SING A HYMN FOR THE PATHETIC LAMBS DANCING WILDLY...
SFX: "SWISH"
SFX: "CRUSH"

IN THE PALM OF MY HAND.

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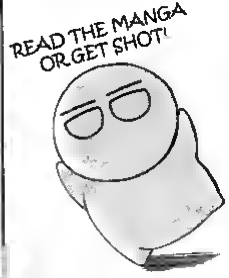


I THINK YOU LOST CONSCIOUSNESS BECAUSE YOU USED TOO MUCH POWER.
tweet tweet
YEAH, I STILL FEEL A LITTLE LIGHT-HEADED.
NOD NOD
THAT'S BECAUSE THE PEOPLE OF CELESTIA ARE BORN WITH POWER,
BUT YOU HAVE NEVER HAD ANYTHING LIKE IT BEFORE.
AT LEAST, IF ANYONE HAD INVOKED SUCH POWER HERE I'M SURE THE MEDIA WOULD COVER IT.
IT'S A GOOD THING THAT NOTHING HAPPENED THIS TIME AROUND.
BUT IF YOU KEEP USING YOUR POWERS SO RECKLESSLY LIKE YOU DID, YOU BODY MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE IT!
YEAH... I'LL BE CAREFUL.
.....

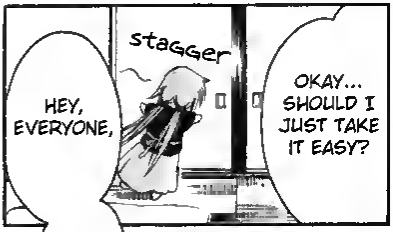
THAT'S RIGHT... SHINYA AND THE PEOPLE OF THIS WORLD SHOULDN'T POSSESS ANY SORT OF POWER LIKE WE CELESTIANS DO...
BUT THEN... JUST WHAT WAS THAT?
THAT LIGHT THAT WAS ABLE TO HEAL SUURI
WHEN I COULDN'T...
HARUNA?
STARE
I DON'T THINK SHINYA WOULD BE CAREFUL IF LEFT BY HIMSELF, THOUGH.

OH, S-SORRY I REALLY THINK YOU SHOULD TAKE IT EASY TODAY.
YOU'RE RIGHT, BUT I NEED TO GO TO SCHOOL.
OKAY. I MADE A LOT FOR LUNCH SO YOU CAN GET SOME NOURISH-MENT.
HEHHEH... DON'T COME TO SCHOOL TODAY.
OH...
cough I... I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.
press
OH...

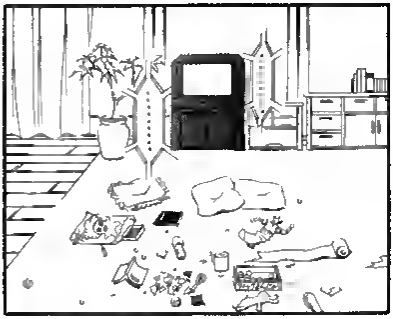
UH...
WELL...
HA
HA
THIS IS BECAUSE YOU USED MAGIC TO TRY TO HEAL SUURI EARLIER, ISN'T IT?
.....
O-OF COURSE NOT! IT'S JUST A COLD! I'LL GET OVER IT SOON, SO...
BESIDES THAT, WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR DINNER?
OH NO YOU DON'T!
COUGH
COUGH
B-BUT...
YOU'RE GOING TO GET SOME REST! IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT DINNER, THEN I'LL MAKE IT.
NO BUTS!

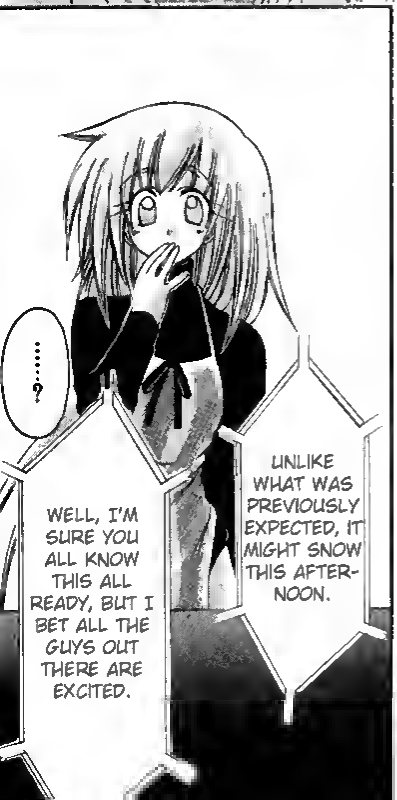
CLACK
OKAY.

NOW, YOU'RE GOING TO GET SOME REST, OKAY?!
.....
YOU WILL, WON'T YOU?
YOU'D BETTER!!


stagger
OKAY... SHOULD I JUST TAKE IT EASY?
HEY, EVERYONE,

HUH?




.....?
WELL, I'M SURE YOU ALL KNOW THIS ALL READY, BUT I BET ALL THE GUYS OUT THERE ARE EXCITED.
UNLIKE WHAT WAS PREVIOUSLY EXPECTED, IT MIGHT SNOW THIS AFTER-NOON.

HAPPY VALEN-TINE'S DAY!!"
Valentine
TODAY IS A SPECIAL DAY!
WHAT HAPPENS ON THE DAY WHEN ALL THOSE SHY GIRLS OUT THERE GET THE COURAGE TO FINALLY SAY SOMETHING?!
A MIRACLE IS BOUND TO HAPPEN!
GETTING A PIECE OF HAPPINESS!!
HERE'S TO EVERYONE

Chapter 1:14
Happiness

ding dong
YESTERDAY, WHEN NATSUE-SAN WAS BRINGING A LUNCH TO A PATIENT,
SHE SAW ANOTHER PATIENT ON THE STAIRS THAT SEEMED TO NEED A HAND. AS YOU MIGHT EXPECT, THE PATIENT TRIPPED AND...
NATSUE-SAN STUMBLED OVER HIM SPILLING THE DINNER SHE WAS CARRYING ALL OVER THE PLACE AND BREAKING HER LEG IN THE PROCESS. THEN, THE PATIENT ENDED UP CARRYING HER TO THE WAITING ROOM.
HAHA, SHE HASN'T CHANGED A BIT.
CLUNK
SPILL SPILL SPILL
SHEESH I GO THROUGH THIS EVERY DAY
SHEESH ...
TODAY IS FEBRUARY 14TH
VALENTINE'S DAY.
THAT'S RIGHT..
SINCE OUR SCHOOL REGULATIONS NORMALLY FORBID CHOCOLATE, EVERY YEAR THERE IS A BIG COMMOTION AS THE SCHOOL LIFTS THEM TO HOLD A FESTIVAL FOR THE "YOUNG PEOPLE SEEKING LOVE".

BUT
clank
SINCE I NEVER EVEN GET A SINGLE PIECE, IT'S A FESTIVAL THAT HAS NO EFFECT ON ME.
Ha Ha
BUT YOU KNOW... I REALLY HATE SWEET THINGS.
CLACK
HEY, SHINYA, HOW MANY DO YOU WANT?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? SINCE YOU GOT THEM ALL, YOU NEED TO EAT THEM.
YOU'RE RIGHT... I KNOW I HAVE TO...

.....

We, the unworthy rabble known as men, accept this burden.
Eat this.

Then die horribly.
HEY, SHINYA!
Teehee

MUNCH MUNCH
yummy
CHUCKLE
THIS IS SUCH A GREAT DAY!
giggle
giggle
HOW CUTE
HOW CUTE
giggle
EVERYONE IS GIVING ME THIS STUFF CALLED CHOCOLATE.
Home Ec.
Eat it!
IT'S CLASS TIME.
DON'T EAT IT.
.....
ALL RIGHT, LADIES, PASS OUT THE CHOCOLATE YOU WERE MAKING FOR HOMEWORK
Clap Clap
I WANNA GO HOME

OOOOH!
THEN YOU POUR THE CHOCOLATE INTO THE SHAPE, LIKE SO.
POUR
MAHOKA
AKIE
bubble bubble
OH HO
LISTEN-ING?
FIRST YOU MELT THE CHOCOLATE ON A LOW FLAME TILL IT'S ALL LIQUID LIKE THIS.
YAY!
MAHOKA-CHAN AKIE-CHAN, YOU TWO ARE GREAT!
AKIE
YEAH.
NOT REALLY. IT'S EASY SO WHY DON'T WE MAKE SOME TOGETHER?
FIRST ...

POUR
THEN POUR IT INTO THE SHAPE.
CLANK CLANK CLANK
YOU MELT THE CHOCOLATE.
GOSH
LEAVE HER ALONE, MAHOKA, THIS IS FOR YUMIKI, RIGHT?
Yay yay yay
Throw this in, and this in!
IF YOU MAKE IT THAT BIG IT'S GOING TO GET REALLY HARD.
AKIE!
This is great!
2-B

.....
stretch
.....
crunch
crunch
CRACKLE CRACKLE CRACKLE
SHINYA!

SFX. JUMP
Here, it's a giant thundering heart chocolate!!
UGhh
WOOOOAH! THAT'S HUGE!
AM I THE BEST? AM I?
twitch

SWOOSH
WE WON'T ALLOW IT!
SFX: *FWOOSH
GAAAH
WE, THE GUYS OF YOUR CLASS WHO NEVER GET CHOCOLATES, WON'T LET YOU GET ANY!
DRIP
WE WON'T LET YOU HAVE THIS, YUMIKI!

Hard
stagger
OH?
WE ABSO-LUTELY WILL NOT...
SFX "CRACK"
SHATTER
CRACK
WE WON'T LOSE!
OH?!
CRUCH
LO
OV
That rock was a bit in the butt.
WHERE IS SHE?
YUMIKI??!!
WHERE'S THAT GIRL HARUNA?
NOT DONE YET!
SHINYA'S CHOCO-LATE...
CRACK

WELL...
SHE'S AT HOME...
WITH A COLD...
AT HOME?
NOD NOD
WHAT ABOUT CHOCO-LATE?
I HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANY.
pat pat

GRAB
NOW LET'S GO THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL HUNTING FOR CHOCOLATE!
HUH?
WHAA?!
WELCOME BACK!
ALL RIGHT!! CHOCOLATE! MOVE OUT, MY FELLOW DUMMIES!
RYOUMEI!
THEY LOOK LIKE THEY HAVE IT TOUGH.
SHINYA TOO.
tweet tweet tweet

toss
IN THE END, I DIDN'T GET ANY CHOCOLATE.
WE'RE NOT SHARING!!
THAT WAS HORRIBLE
SLUMP
UHHH...
STEP STEP
THANK GOODNESS! I'VE BEEN WORRIED SINCE I LOST CONSCIOUSNESS.
LILLI!

WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU DON'T LOOK VERY HAPPY.
LILU?
.....
I... IF IT'S ABOUT THE STUFFED ANIMAL THAT GOT DESTROYED ...
SHINYA,

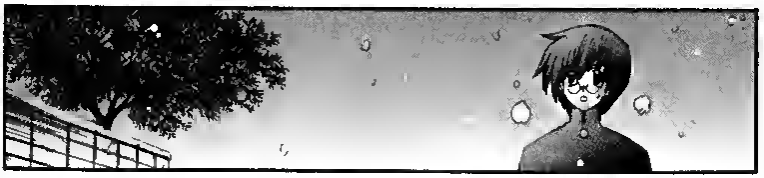
IF...
IF THE PERSON YOU LOVED
WAS THE ONE ENEMY YOU HAD TO KILL NO MATTER WHAT, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

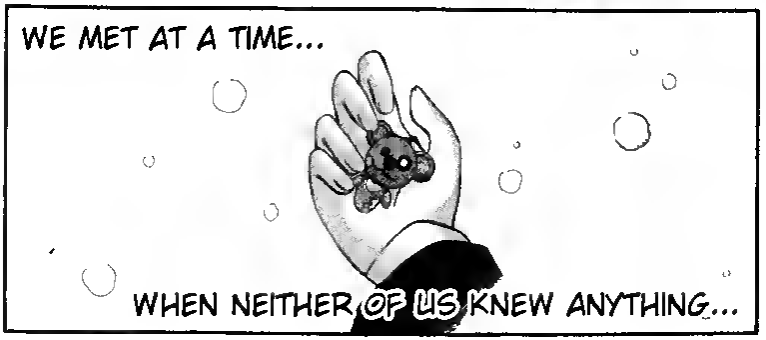
.....
WHAT?!

CLUTCH
IF THE PERSON YOU LOVED
WAS THE ONE PERSON IN THE WORLD YOU HAD TO KILL NO MATTER WHAT, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

LILU?
TELL ME! WHAT WOULD YOU DO?!
WHAT WOULD YOU DO!?
TELL ME...
?!
clutch
.....

FAREWELL.
WAIT!
RUN
RUN
LILU?!
SFX: *SWISH*
HHPPH




WE MET AT A TIME...
WHEN NEITHER OF US KNEW ANYTHING...

THAT'S WHY I WONDERED...
WHY IT WAS THAT SHE WAS CRYING.
STEP
STEP
STEP
WELCOME HOME, SHINYA-SAN
HARUNA!
WITHOUT KNOWING...
I'M HOME.
CLACK
OH!
YOU SHOULD BE SLEEPING!
COUGH
COUGH
I...
I'M SORRY.
BUT...

HERE.

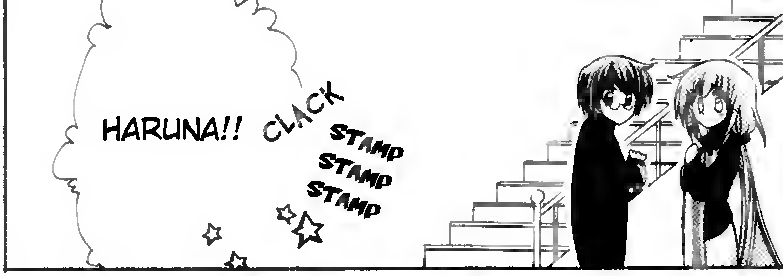
SO IF IT ISN'T, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.
COUGH
COUGH
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE TRIED MAKING IT, SO IT'S PROBABLY NOT VERY GOOD...
.....
AH!
.....
HARUNA.
BUT I MADE A REAL MESS OF THE KITCHEN.
NOT ONLY AM I NOT SURE IF IT'S ANY GOOD,
S.. SORRY.

GRAB
I TOLD YOU THAT YOU NEEDED TO GET SOME REST,
DIDN'T I....?
HARUNA...

BUT IT IS SUCH A WARM...
WELL, I SAW ON TV THAT THIS WAS AN IMPORTANT DAY OF THE YEAR,
THAT'S WHAT THEY SAID, SO...
WELL...
HARUNA,
AND FICKLE...
IS ALWAYS KIND.
SHE'S ALWAYS SACRIFICING HERSELF FOR ME.

AND A VERY
THANK YOU.

...SAD THING.
YOU'RE WELCOME!


HARUNA!!
CLACK
STAMP
STAMP
STAMP

I MADE A CHOCO-LATE FOR YOU TOO!
LOOK! I GOT ALL THIS CHOCO-LATE! IT'S REALLY GOOD TO! HAVE SOME!
This isn't experimental
swish

EVERYONE ...
BUT--

YOU SURE IT'S ALL RIGHT?
YOU'D BETTER GET SOME REST.
It's okay. It's just a cold, this will fix her right up.
COME ON, COME ON, IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT DINNER, THEN I'LL MAKE IT SO GET SOME REST.
YEAH, YEAH!
If you made it for her then fine.
Just let me give this to Haruna.
IF SOMEDAY--
I WANT SUSHI!
DON'T ASK FOR THE IMPOS-SIBLE.
teeheeheehee
THEN I WANT TO TRY THAT SHARK FILLET THAT THEY WERE SHOWING ON T.V.
WHAT?! YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE DINNER TONIGHT?!
Well, well.
HEY, TARU TARU,

?
I'M REALLY HAPPY RIGHT NOW.
EVERY-ONE'S HERE... SHINYA'S HERE...
EVERYONE'S WORRIED ABOUT ME BECAUSE I'M SICK...
.....
BUT... WHEN I THINK OF IT,
ON THE DAY THAT I BECAME THE PRIEST-ESS OF SALVATION, SOMEONE BECAME UNHAPPY SO THAT I COULD BE HAPPY.
WHEN I THINK OF THAT,
I WONDER, IS IT REALLY OKAY FOR ME TO BE HAPPY?
I...
SLIDE

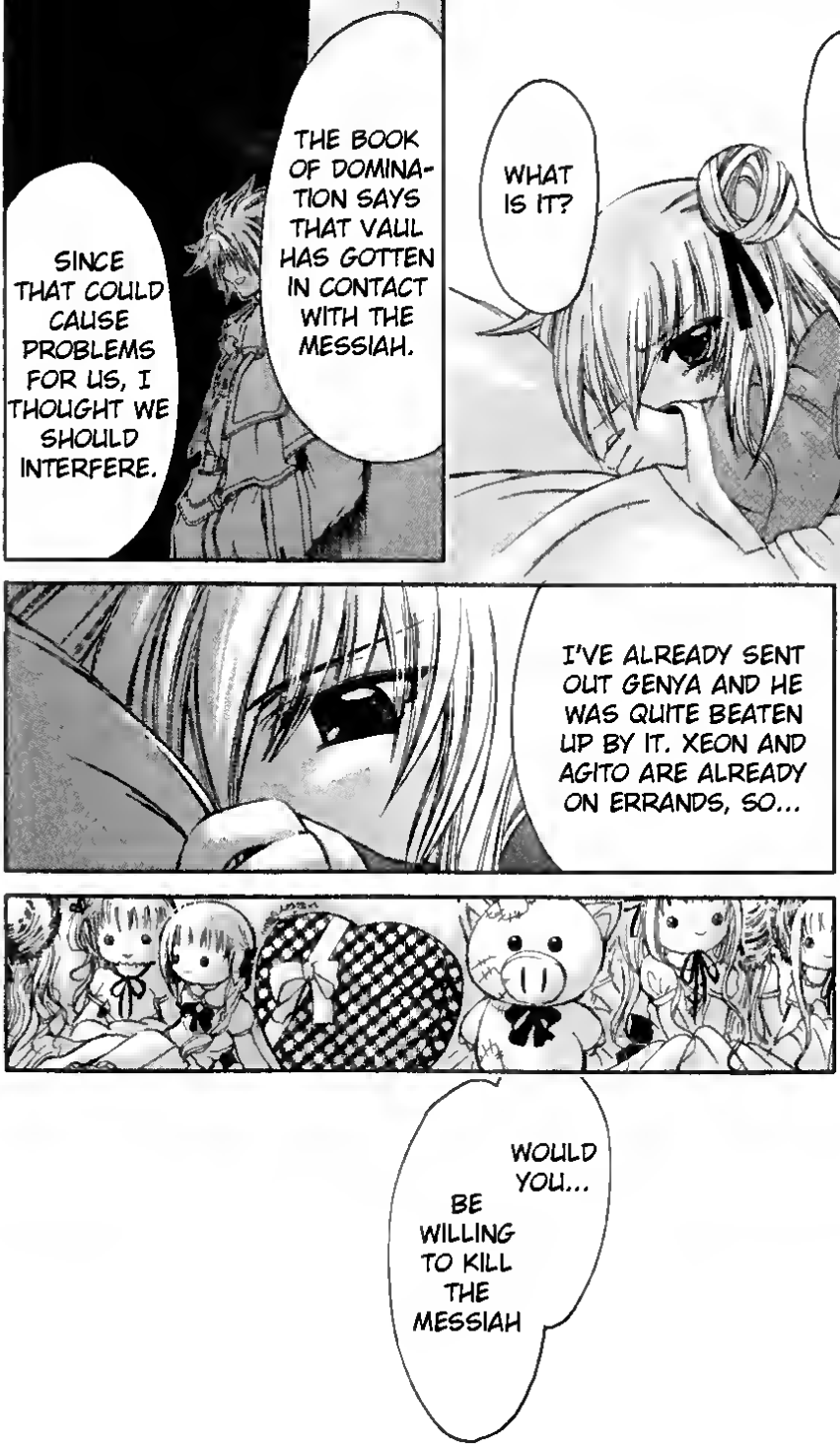
FOR THE TIME BEING, I SHOULD GET SOME REST.
THAT'S RIGHT...
TARU TARU ...
Well, get some rest.
YOU DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO REST!
SIP SIP

CLACK
HAR-
UNA!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!!
SFX: VWOOOOOOM

HARU... NA?
I AM NOT HARUNA!
SFX: GWONG

UGH ....
SFX: *GWOOOSH*
I AM VAUL,
VAUL, THE PROPHET.

SOB
SOB
KNOCK KNOCK
LILU, CAN I TALK TO YOU A MINUTE?
I DON'T WANT TO TALK TO ANYONE RIGHT NOW.
TALK TO ME LATER.
IS THAT SO?
WELL, THAT'S A PROBLEM..
JUMP
ACTUALLY, I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE MESSIAH, BUT...


THE BOOK OF DOMINATION SAYS THAT VAUL HAS GOTTEN IN CONTACT WITH THE MESSIAH.
SINCE THAT COULD CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR US, I THOUGHT WE SHOULD INTERFERE.
WHAT IS IT?
.....
I'VE ALREADY SENT OUT GENYA AND HE WAS QUITE BEATEN UP BY IT. XEON AND AGITO ARE ALREADY ON ERRANDS, SO...
WOULD YOU... BE WILLING TO KILL THE MESSIAH

I'LL
DO IT.

SFX: VWOOSH
THAT'S RIGHT...

IF SOME DAY I HAD TO KILL HARUNA...
I'D DO IT...
WITH MY OWN HANDS!!